

(a) whether Government are aware that due to hindrances from environment, forest and various departments, road construction work in border areas, has either stopped or slowed down and the army have to face many difficulties as a result thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government would constitute any coordination committee related to army, so that a solution could be found sitting across the table; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps being taken by Government to accelerate implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Various road projects affected due to hindrances from environment, forest and various agencies are pursued by the project authorities with them to expedite the clearances. A Committee of Secretaries has already been constituted to resolve the issues related to bottlenecks in the ongoing projects and the Central-State and Inter-Ministerial coordination, which includes the problems associated with roads in border areas.

Plans to provide basic amenities

***32. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:** Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government to give basic amenities like cleanliness, water, electricity and sewer lines in the 1400 unauthorised colonies in the capital city keeping in view the forthcoming Commonwealth Games in 2010;

(b) the zone-wise details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that there are no such plans of Government to give basic amenities in unauthorised colonies in Delhi, specifically in view of the Commonwealth Game 2010. However, GNCTD is providing basic amenities

namely supply of electricity and water, construction of roads & drainages in the unauthorised colonies, in terms of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in this respect.

Permanent membership in UNSC

***33. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO:** Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is serious about becoming a permanent member in UN Security Council;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the aspiration to become permanent member in Security Council does not go well with securing UN Secretary-General's post;

(c) if so, the reasons for fielding Mr. Shashi Tharoor for Secretary-General's post;

(d) the extent of India's seriousness about Tharoor's candidature and the steps taken in mobilizing international support; and

(e) the reasons therefor and the resultant diplomatic fiasco?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) India is a serious proponent of comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council, both its expansion in permanent and non-permanent categories as well as the improvement of its working methods. India believes that it is, by any yardstick, qualified to be a permanent member of the UN Security Council and that in any future expansion, its credentials will be recognized by fellow members of the United Nations.

(b) The expansion of the UN Security Council is part of a process of UN reform which has been ongoing for some years. The selection of a new Secretary General, on the other hand, was a shorter and time-bound process which has to conclude before December 31, 2006. The Government viewed these two processes as mutually exclusive.

(c) to (e) Shri Shashi Tharoor was endorsed as a candidate for the post of UN Secretary General in view of India's strong support to the principle of regional rotation and his credentials as an outstanding international civil servant and an acclaimed thinker and writer. He is an eminent Indian and